However various other applications including phosphors for colour TV and use in Laser technology are also known.

Irradiation of Food

2045. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that food irradiation is known to cause stinula-tion and rapid division of fungi which produce aflatoxins some of which are potent carcinogens which are 1000 times more carcinogenic than EDB, another pesticide; and

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to revise the present stand on irradiation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECH-NOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K R. NARAYANAN): (a) There is no evidence to conclude that food irradiated and stored under normal storage practices would show increased aftatoxin production.

(b) There is no need to revise the present stand on food irradiation.

भारत में प्रति व्यक्ति आय

2046. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या योजना मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) प्रति व्यक्ति वर्तमान आय कितनी है ;

(ख) विश्व की तुलना में हमारे देश में प्रति व्यक्ति आय कितनी है ; और

(ग) प्रति व्यक्ति आय बढ़ाने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या प्रयास किये गये हैं ?

योजना मंत्री तथा कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्री (श्री माधव सिंह सोलंकी) : (क) केन्द्रीय सांख्यिकी संगठन द्वारा जारी किये गये तुरन्त आकलनों के अनुसार वर्ष 1986-87 के लिये (चालू कीमतों पर) उत्पादन लागत पर प्रति निवल राष्ट्रीय उत्पाद (प्रति व्यक्ति राष्ट्रीय आय) 2974.5 रुपये थी । ये नवीनतम उपलब्ध आंकलन हैं ?

(ख) संयुक्त राष्ट्र द्वारा 1988 प्रकाशित प्रलेख, "नेशनल एकाउन्टस स्टे-स्टिक्स : एनेलिसिस आफ मेन एग्रीमेंटस 1985" में प्रति व्यक्ति सकल घरेलू उत्पादन निवल सामग्री उत्पाद के जो आंकलन हैं वे समूचे विश्व के लिये अमेरिकी डालरों में है । नवीनतम आंकड़े वर्ष 1985 के लिये उपलब्ध हैं । इस प्रकाशन के अनुसार अमेरिकी डालरों में विश्व की प्रति व्यक्ति आय 2570 डालर है (लगभग 31431 रु.) । इसी वर्ष में भारत के लिये ये आंकड़े 2721 रुपये हैं ।

(ग) सातवीं पंचवर्षीय योजना में घरेलू उत्पादों में (उत्पादन लागत पर) 5.0 प्रतिशत वार्षिक की संवृद्धि का लक्ष्य है । सातवीं योजना के संवृद्धि लक्ष्य प्राप्त हो जाने पर प्रतिव्यक्ति आय बढ़ेगी और कृषि तथा उद्योग दोनों में विकास और प्रति व्यक्ति आय में वृद्धि की गति बढ़ेगी । योजना में विद्यमान सिंचाई क्षमता के पूर्ण उपयोग और मानव साधनों के विकाससे संबंधित अवसंरचना के समन्नत कार्य करने पर भी जोर दिया गया है । योजना में इन क्षेत्रकों की निवेश आवश्यकताओं पर विशेष ध्यान दिया गया है ताकि महत्व आदानों की कमी से अर्थव्यवस्था की संवृद्धि प्रभावित न हो सके ।

Soldiers withdrawn from Sri Lanka

2047. SHRI ALADI ARUNA *alias* V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 312 given in the Rajja Sabha on the 28th July, 1988 and state the number of IPKF soldiers withdrawn from Sri Lanka so far?

THE MTNTSTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHIN. TAMANJ PANIGRAHI): Certain elements of 1PKP, which were no longer operationally required in Sri Lanka, have been withdrawn recently. It would not be desirable to disclose deatils.

Joint ludo-Burma action against underground N.C.ML

2048. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS *be*-pleased to state:

(a) whether a major offensive has been launched against the underground National Council of Nagaland by the Indian Secu rity Force in collaboration wilh the Bur mese army;

(by whether the joint strategy to tackle the insurgency was drawn at the high level meeting between the Indian and Burmese officials following the Prime Minister's visit to Burma during 1988; and

(c) if so, to what extent the measures taken by both, the Governments have help-et in flushing out the rebels?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFATRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There has been no such high level meeting.

(c) Does not arise.

Reconnaisance aircraft for Indian Navy

2049. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Navy has received the first batch of TU 142M maritime reconnaisance aircraft;

(b) if so, the total number of such aircraft received;

(c) what is the total cost of expenditure involved; and

(d) the extent to which the induction of the arcraft into naval aviation would greatly augment the navy's maritime reconnaisance capability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHIN-TAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (d) Some TU 142M maritime reconnaisance and patrol aircraft have cecealy been inducted into the Indian Navy to augment its surveillance capability. Further details cannot be disclosed in the interest of national security.

British co-operation in Defence Research and development

2050. SHRl SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Britain has agreed to extend co-operation in the area of defence research and development in India;

!.b) whether a Memorandum of Under-standing was signed between the two coun-tries in the first week of April, 1988; and

(c) .if so, what are the main points of Memorandum of Understanding and the points On which the British Government has agreed to help India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRO-DUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHIN-TAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) India & U.K. signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in New Delhi on 11-4-88 regarding Collaboration on Defence Research & Development (R&D).

(c) The MOU deals with cooperation on Research and Development in various defence technologies and not on specific weapon systems. It will not be in public interest to give details of the specific areas included in the M.O.U.